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\*\* Before an entry denotes that the item is part of the FCC's implementation of the 1996 Telecom Act. While we will attempt to flag all Telecom Act-related items, this marking is unofficial and informational only.

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NEWS RELEASES

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COMMISSION FINDS HEARTLINE  
COMMUNICATIONS APPARENTLY LIABLE FOR  
FORFEITURE OF \$200,000 FOR SLAMMING AND  
ISSUES NOTICE OF FORFEITURE AGAINST EXCEL  
FOR \$80,000 (Report No. CC 96-15, Common Carrier  
Action)

The Commission has issued a Notice of Apparent Liability finding Heartline Communications, Inc. apparently liable for a forfeiture penalty of \$200,000 for willful or repeated violations of the Commission's telephone slamming rules. In addition, the Common Carrier Bureau assessed a forfeiture of \$80,000 against Excel Telecommunications, Inc. for its violations of the Commission's slamming rules. The practice of changing a consumer's long distance company without that consumer's express approval is commonly known as "slamming."

Action by the Commission June 20, 1996 by NAL  
for Forfeiture (FCC 96-272).

News Media contact: Mindy Ginsburg at (202) 418-1500; Common Carrier Bureau contact: Keith Nichols and Colleen Heitkamp at (202) 418-0960. [Internet file name: nrcc6039.txt]

COMMON CARRIER BUREAU ADOPTS CONSENT  
DECREE AGREEMENT WITH MCI RESOLVING  
NOTICE OF APPARENT LIABILITY FOR FORFEITURE  
FOR SLAMMING (Report No. CC 96-14, Common  
Carrier Action)

Action by the Common Carrier Bureau May 24,  
1996, by Order [DA 96-1010].

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FCC CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FCC FILINGS

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PUBLIC NOTICES

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AMATEUR STATION VANITY CALL SIGN SYSTEM  
FILING GATE 1A OPENS JULY 22, 1996

TARIFF TRANSMITTAL PUBLIC REFERENCE LOG:  
June 20

Report No. A-297 - NON-COMMERCIAL

EDUCATIONAL FM BROADCAST APPLICATIONS  
ACCEPTED FOR FILING AND NOTIFICATION OF  
JULY 22 CUT-OFF DATE

Report No. 283 - MASS MEDIA BUREAU CALL SIGN  
ACTIONS

Report No. 1080 - CABLE TELEVISION SERVICE  
REGISTRATIONS; SPECIAL RELIEF AND OTHER  
FILINGS

Report No. 23765 - BROADCAST APPLICATIONS

Report No. 43765 - BROADCAST ACTIONS

Report No. CL-96-54 - WIRELESS  
TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUREAU COMMERCIAL  
RADIO SERVICE INFORMATION

Report No. LB-96-34 - WIRELESS  
TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUREAU COMMERCIAL  
WIRELESS SERVICE INFORMATION

Report No. 1853 - WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS  
BUREAU - June 10 through June 14

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TEXTS

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WTOP(AM), WASHINGTON, D.C. Reduced forfeiture against WTOP License Limited Partnership, licensee of station WTOP(AM), Washington, D.C., from \$5,000 to \$3,000 in violation of the Communications Act and the Commission's rules regarding sponsorship identification. (By MO&O adopted June 19 by the Chief, Mass Media Bureau)

MENA, AR. Proposed allotting Channel 287C3 to Mena, AR, as its third FM service. Comments are due August 12, replies August 27. (MM Docket No. 96-135 by NPRM [DA 96-946] adopted June 14 by the Chief, Allocations Branch, Mass Media Bureau)

MILILANI TOWN, HI. Proposed allotting UHF television Channel 60 to Mililani Town, HI as its first television service. Comments are due August 12, replies August 27. (MM Docket No. 96-136 by NPRM [DA 96-947] adopted June 14 by the Chief, Allocations Branch)

NEGAUNEE, MI. Proposed allotting Channel 270A to Negaunee, MI, as its second FM service. Comments are due August 12, replies August 27. (MM Docket No. 96-137] adopted June 14 by the Chief, Allocations Branch)

KANSAS CITY, MO. Proposed substituting UHF television Channel 29 for UHF television Channel 32 at Kansas City, MO, and modifying the construction permit of station KCWB accordingly. To accommodate the allotment of Channel 29 at Kansas City, proposed changing the

coordinates for vacant Channel \*22 at St. Joseph, MO. Comments are due August 12, replies August 27. (MM Docket No. 96-134 by NPRM [DA 96-945] adopted June 14 by the Chief, Allocations Branch)

SHELL KNOB, MO. Proposed allotting Channel 249A to Shell Knob, MO, as its first broadcast service. Comments are due August 12, replies August 27. (MM Docket No. 96-138 by NPRM adopted June 14 by the Chief, Allocations Branch)

CONWAY AND MYRTLE BEACH, SC. Effective August 5, reallocated Channel 281C1 from Conway to Myrtle Beach, SC, and modified the license of Station WYAV(FM) accordingly. (MM Docket No. 91-75 by R&O [DA 96-989] adopted June 14 by the Chief, Allocations Branch)

INTERACTIVE VIDEO AND DATA SERVICE (IVDS) SYSTEMS. Granted ITV, Inc.'s request for a declaratory ruling of the Commission's rules requiring IVDS licensees to notify all households located both within a TV Channel 13 Grade B predicted contour and the IVDS system service area of the potential for interference to Channel 13 TV reception. (By Order [DA 96-925] adopted June 17 by the Chief, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau)

EXCEL TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC. See first item under "News Releases."

MCI TELECOMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION. See second item under "News Releases."

PCI COMMUNICATIONS, INC. AND INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION (ITC). Authorized PCI and ITC, respectively, to acquire and operate facilities in the PTC-5 cable system; and to acquire and operate facilities in the PTAT-1, CANTAT-3, CANUS-1, COLUMBUS-II, AMERICAS-1 and TPC-5 cable systems. (By O&A [DA 96-870] adopted May 29 by the Chief, Telecommunications Division, International Bureau)

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ADDENDA: The following items released June 20 were not listed on Digest 112:

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PUBLIC NOTICES

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SUPPLEMENTAL COMMENT PERIOD DESIGNATED FOR LOCAL COMPETITION PROCEEDING - CC DOCKET 96-98 [DA 96-1007] - Contact: Jim Lande at (202) 418-0498 or Doron Fertig at (202) 418-1869

Report No. TD-12 - PROTESTED TARIFF TRANSMITTALS ACTIONS TAKEN [DA 96-938] - Contact: Judith A Nitsche at (202) 418-1540 or David Sieradzki at (202) 418-1530

HEARTLINE COMMUNICATIONS, INC. See first item under "News Releases."

EXPANDED INTERCONNECTION. Granted motion by MFS Communications Company, Inc. to withdraw in the matter of expanded interconnection with local telephone company facilities. (CC Docket No. 91-141] adopted June 17 by the Deputy Chief, Common Carrier Bureau)

AT&T CORP. Authorized AT&T to lease and operate satellite facilities for service between the United States and Cuba. (By O&A [DA 96-962] adopted June 17 by the Chief, Telecommunications Division)

BLR COMMUNICATIONS, INC. Authorized BLR to acquire and operate satellite facilities for service to various overseas points. (By OA&C [DA 96-963] adopted June 17 by the Chief, Telecommunications Division)

\*\* PAY TELEPHONE RECLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION. Extended to July 1 and July 15, respectively, the deadlines for filing comments and replies in the matter of implementing the pay telephone reclassification and compensation provisions of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. (CC Docket No. 96-128 by Order [DA 96-983] adopted June 20 by the Deputy Chief, Enforcement Division, Common Carrier Bureau)

CABLE SERVICES BUREAU  
DAILY DIGEST

Released Thursday, June 20, 1996 (but not listed on DD 6/20)

INTERMEDIA PARTNERS. Granted complaints filed against the rate charged for cable programming service in the City of Murfreesboro, TN. (By Order [DA 96-992] adopted June 19, 1996 by the Chief, Cable Services Bureau)

INTERMEDIA PARTNERS. Denied a complaint filed against the rate charged for cable programming service in the Town of Fairfax, SC. (By Order [DA 96-993] adopted June 19, 1996 by the Chief, Cable Services Bureau)

INTERMEDIA PARTNERS. Denied a complaint filed against the rate charged for cable programming service in the City of Sierra Vista, AZ. (By Order [DA 96-994] adopted June 19, 1996 by the Chief, Cable Services Bureau)

INTERMEDIA PARTNERS. Denied complaints filed against the rate charged for cable programming service in Pima County, AZ. (By Order [DA 96-995] adopted June 19, 1996 by the Chief, Cable Services Bureau)

INTERMEDIA PARTNERS. Denied a complaint filed against the rate charged for cable programming service in the City Gainesville, GA and Hall County, GA. (By Order [DA 96-996] adopted June 19, 1996 by the Chief, Cable Services Bureau)

INTERMEDIA PARTNERS. Denied complaints filed against the rate charged for cable programming service in the Towns of Edgefield and Johnston, SC. (By Order [DA 96-997] adopted June 19, 1996 by the Chief, Cable Services Bureau)

INTERMEDIA PARTNERS. Denied complaints filed against the rate charged for cable programming service in Newark, CA. (By Order [DA 96-998] adopted June 19, 1996 by the Chief, Cable Services Bureau)

INTERMEDIA PARTNERS. Denied complaints filed against the rate charged for cable programming service in McCormick, SC. (By Order [DA 96-999] adopted June 19, 1996 by the Chief, Cable Services Bureau)

INTERMEDIA PARTNERS. Denied a complaint filed against the rate charged for cable programming service in the Town of Saluda, SC. (By Order [DA 96-1000] adopted June 19, 1996 by the Chief, Cable Services Bureau)

INTERMEDIA PARTNERS. Denied a complaint filed against the rate charged for cable programming service in the City of Mountain View, CA. (By Order [DA 96-1001] adopted June 19, 1996 by the Chief, Cable Services Bureau)

INTERMEDIA PARTNERS. Denied a complaint filed against the rate charged for cable programming service in the City of Milpitas, CA. (By Order [DA 96-1002] adopted June 19, 1996 by the Chief of Cable Services Bureau)

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ADDENDUM: The following item released June 19 was not listed on Digest 111:

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SPEECH

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REMARKS OF COMMISSIONER RACHELLE  
B. CHONG AT THE JOINT BOARD MEETING  
ON UNIVERSAL SERVICE, JUNE 19, 1996



